IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Ellen M. Heath et al.

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2009, please extend the period of time for response three months, to expire on February 11, 2010. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please consider the following:

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